

for another opportunity to debate NATO and the enlargement issue.

Mr. Speaker, I believe NATO is as important for transatlantic security today than it was fifty three years ago when it was created. I ask my Colleagues to cosponsor my resolution and to continue to support NATO.

**SUPPORTING H.R. 4635—ARMING
PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM ACT**

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4635 the Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act. This is a very sensible piece of legislation. We have a duty to provide pilots with the same tools shop keepers and mall security guards and others use in the protection of their property and the safety of their customers.

As the events of the morning of September 11 unfolded, the President gave the Air Force the authority to shoot down any commercial airline that did not respond to authorities. For the first time in our history, the American military had the authority to take action against American civilians.

That single horrible thought—that the United States government might have to use lethal force against American citizens who were unlucky enough to get on the wrong flight—should give us enough reason to pass this legislation.

Pilots need a last line of defense. They need the ability to defend the plane, the cockpit, and most of all, the passengers. We need to give our pilots the same opportunity for self-defense our Constitution provides to everyone else.

This is a good compromise. It is the product of good legislating workmanship by Chairman YOUNG, Chairman MICA, and Congressmen OBERSTAR and LIPINSKI. It is an example that debates about the Second Amendment need not be filled with mischaracterized rhetoric, but rather be premised on what's good for the American people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to cast my votes on rollcall votes 247 through 257 on June 21, 24, and 25, 2002. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 247. I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 248 through 257.

**HONORING STUDENTS, PARENTS,
TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS
OF CSD 30**

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge to the parents, teachers and stu-

dents of Community School District 30 in Queens, NY.

Community School District 30, comprised of the neighborhoods of Sunnyside, Woodside, Astoria, Long Island City, Jackson Heights, and East Elmhurst is one of America's most diverse school districts and truly represents the face of America.

School District 30 serves some of the most diverse students in New York City and over 50 languages are spoken in the homes of the kids who go there.

A recent state-mandated report noted that the most recently reported test scores are among the best in the city.

In fact, for 2 years in a row, the district beat its target scores on State tests. And this year the suspension rate is down by 58.9 percent. These results are not coincidence. These results are because of the district's commitment to improving its schools. They employ innovative approaches to addressing the problems faced by all schools such as peer mediation and crisis intervention before students become a problem. Their Operation Return program, sends students with disciplinary problems to one school where they can get one-to-one counseling and receive excellent instruction in small groups. The program gives the kids confidence they need to succeed when they return to their permanent schools.

School District 30 is a wonderful story and credit is due to a lot of people, but one I would like to credit is superintendent, Dr. Angelo Gimondo. And also the wonderful United Federation of Teachers members who give their heart and soul to teaching the kids of School District 30. School District 30 can serve as an example, not only for other school districts, but also for us in Congress. School District 30 is an example of what happens when public officials—who provide adequate funding for educational programs—work with teachers, parents, and administrators to care for our young people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, on June 24, 2002, due to a delayed flight, I missed three votes on the House floor.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 249, 250, and 251.

**HONORING JUSTICE MOSES M.
WEINSTEIN**

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor Justice Moses M. Weinstein, a distinguished public servant and a good friend on the occasion of his very special birthday.

Moses Weinstein served for eleven years in the New York State Assembly, where he was Majority Leader from 1965 to 1968. He was Speaker of the Assembly in 1968 and served

as Acting Governor of the State of New York during August 1968. In 1970, Moses Weinstein was elected to a fourteen-year term as a Justice of the Supreme Court of New York State.

During his time as a legislator, Justice Weinstein sponsored the following important pieces of legislation: Creation of Crime Victims Compensation Board; creation of Temporary State Commission for Transplantation of Vital Organs; increasing number and amount of Regent Scholarships; and creating Mid-Atlantic States Air Pollution Control Committee.

Justice Weinstein has also been an integral member of his local community. The following is a list of some of his countless activities in his home community: Director and Treasurer of the Queens County Multiple Sclerosis Society; organizer of the Queens Children's Rehabilitation Service; charter board member of the Mid-Queens Child Guidance Center; and counsel to the Kew Gardens Hills Athletic Association.

Justice Weinstein has also been the recipient of countless awards and dedications. Among his awards are: "Human Rights" award from B'nai B'rith for "outstanding and distinguished leadership in the cause of human rights"; and commendation during Battle of the Bulge, United States Army; U.S.O. Man of the Year; Queens Lighthouse Man of the Year; Distinguished Service Award from the Queens Country Optometrical Society; Anti-Defamation League award from B'nai B'rith; Annual Legislative Award from the Jewish War Veterans of New York State; Annual Meritorious Citation from Affiliated Young Democrats of New York State; "Man of the Year" award, 1983, from Brooklyn Law School; Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, 1983, by Brooklyn Law School; President, Zion Organization of Kew Gardens Hills; Member of the National Executive Committee of Zionist Organization; President, Patrons Club of Long Island Zionist Region; Long Island Chairman of Israel Bonds Campaign; and United Jewish Appeal, Chairman.

Justice Weinstein is a resident of Kew Gardens Hills where he lives with his wonderful wife, the former Muriel Marshall. The Weinsteins are the proud parents of three sons, each of whom have followed their father's example into the field of law. His son Jonathan is currently a Supreme Court Examiner in Queens County; his son Peter, formerly a State Senator in Florida, is presently a Circuit Court Judge; and his son Jeremy, a former New York State Senator, is a Justice of the Supreme Court of New York.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Justice M. Weinstein on this special birthday occasion. Justice Weinstein's illustrious career, tireless dedication and unmatched kindness will be a beacon of guidance for future generations of civil servants, jurors and legislators.

**CONGRATULATING MS. DELORES
A. HOLMES**

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Ms. Delores